

XIV. *Descriptions of two New Species of Ephialtes.*

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Ephialtes facialis, n. sp.

Facie, articulo 1° antennarum subtus, coxis anterioribus, pleuris, maculâ magnâ triquetrâ, et lineis duabus ante alas, flavis; femoribus, tibiis, et coxis posticis fulvis, tarsis fuscis; segmentis abdominis elongatis, planis, penultimo quadrato.

Long. 5—5¼ linearum (mas).

Head—face and mouth yellow. *Antennæ* two-thirds the length of body; first joint beneath yellow, the following pitchy but gradually lighter towards the apex, which is nearly ferruginous. *Thorax* gibbo-cylindrical; two streaks before the wings, another below, a large triangular spot on the pleuræ adjoining the breast and two round ones before the first pair of coxæ, yellow. *Wings* sub-ample, their base straw-coloured; stigma and costa darker, areolet sessile or sub-petiolated. *Legs* fulvous; the anterior coxæ and trochanters yellow; hinder ones fulvous, with a paler, undefined streak beneath; trochanters above and tarsi fuscous. *Abdomen* cylindrical; from the 1st to 5th segment elongate, the 6th quadrate, the margin of the second segment most elevated.

Specimens taken by F. Walker, Esq.

E. albicinctus, n. sp.

Facie, articulo 1° antennarum subtus, coxis anterioribus, trochanteribus totis, et tibiis posticis introrsum albis, extrorsum tarsisque fuscis; pedibus anterioribus stramineo-fulvis, posticis fulvo-rufis; basi tiliarum posticarum et articuli primi tarsorum posticorum albis; segmentis 1 et 2 elongatis, reliquis sub-quadratis; segmento 1° sessili, canaliculato, aut duabus lineis elevatis.

Long. 3¾ linearum (mas).

Head—face, facial orbits and mouth pale, with a very slight reddish tinge. *Antennæ* sub-setaceous, a little longer than half the body; 1st joint beneath white or pale, the remainder testaceous, above darker. *Thorax* cylindrical, with a yellowish line before the wings. *Wings* pale at the base; stigma rather large, darker; costa towards the apex darker; areolet rhomboidal, sessile. *Legs*—the anterior ones pale straw-colour, their coxæ and all the trochanters paler or whitish; the hinder coxæ and femora fulvous;

tibiæ and tarsi fuscous; more than the basal half of the former within pale, with their apex fuscous, outwardly forming a ring at the base; the base of the first joint of the hinder tarsi white, that of the second and third indistinctly so. *Abdomen* sessile, sub-linear; 1st segment with two ridges forming a channel between them; 3rd and remainder covered with a short hoary pubescence; 1st—3rd elongate, the rest sub-quadrate.

Taken by F. Walker, Esq.

XV. *Note on the Strongylorhinus ochraceus of Schönherr, and Descriptions of two nearly allied Species of Curculionidæ, from Australia.* By G. R. WATERHOUSE, Esq., F.Z.S., &c.

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THE following notes and descriptions refer to three species of *Curculionidæ*, from Australia, which were exhibited at the Society's meeting. One of these insects is supposed to be the *Strongylorhinus ochraceus* of Schönherr; the other two are regarded as members of a new genus, about to be characterized under the name *Atelicus*.

Strongylorhinus ochraceus, I believe, has never been described, but the insect exhibited is from the same locality (Tasmania) as that given by Schönherr for his *St. ochraceus*: it agrees not only with the generic characters laid down in the "Mantissa Secunda" at p. 65, but likewise in the general colouring (as may be inferred from the specific name) and in the following points, noticed in the generic description, but which, in part, must be regarded as specific, viz.—"*corpus oblongum, sub-cylindricum, convexum, sculpturatum, squamosum, alatum; mediæ magnitudinis * * *. Elytra basi thoracis parte postica parum latiora illoque plus triplo longiora, linearia, basi singulatim valde producta, singulo elevato-bilobata, humeris obtuse angulatis; lateribus rectis, apicem versus attenuato-rotundata.*" It is extremely probable, then, that this is the *St. ochraceus* of Schönherr. The insect is 6 lines in length, not including the rostrum; covered throughout with reddish-ochreous